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The purpose of the Club is to increase the individual's knowledge of the earth sciences and to aid in the development of lapidary and related arts and skills; to promote fellowship and exchange of ideas; to hold exhibitions, contests, lectures and demonstrations for educational purposes; to help interest more people in the gem and mineral hobby; and to capture and preserve the beauty of nature, the arts, and the works of man.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

This month I would like to address anyone who may be checking out our website with an interest in the club. We have a diverse group of rock hounds from the novice to the highly skilled. Our club is an all-round organization with educational presentations, gem and mineral digs, picnics and socializing. We also put on one of the best annual gem and mineral shows in the southeast. Whether you are interested in learning more about gems and minerals or you are just looking for something to do, I guarantee you will be made welcome. Call any of the members listed on the bulletin if you would like more information.



Norma

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Minutes for July 8, 2014

The July 8, 2014 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Norma Ridenhour at 7:00 PM. There were 36 members and visitors present. A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the June 14, 2014 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report: Reel Mine trip is July 11-13; Sink Hole Mine trip is July 26. Labor Day weekend will be geodes in Kentucky.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee: None

Old Business: Wayne Bolick and Richard Aultman had cases at the Aurora Fossil Museum.

New Business: Larry Huffman reported on his trip to the National Limestone Quarry in Mt.

Pleasant, PA with the Central PA Gem & Mineral Club.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Program: George and Marilyn Max presented the program about their trip to Norway.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary



FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly,

Our regular and primary field trip for August is planned for August 16th. We will be going to the Presnell Mine for kyanite. We will meet at 8:00 am in the Waffle House parking lot at I-40 exit 100. You will need crack hammers, chisels, digging tools, raingear, food and water. There are no facilities, unless the owner is at home and opens up the campground restrooms. It is a short walk-in, but can be steep and slippery. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Our second field trip will be to the Reel mine on the weekend of August 22, 23, and 24th. The Forsythe Gem & Mineral Club has scheduled a dig there that weekend and we have been invited to join. We will meet at the mine site. Cost is \$25.00 per day. Digging tools, crack hammers and chisels are needed here, along with food and water. There will be a port-a-jon on site.

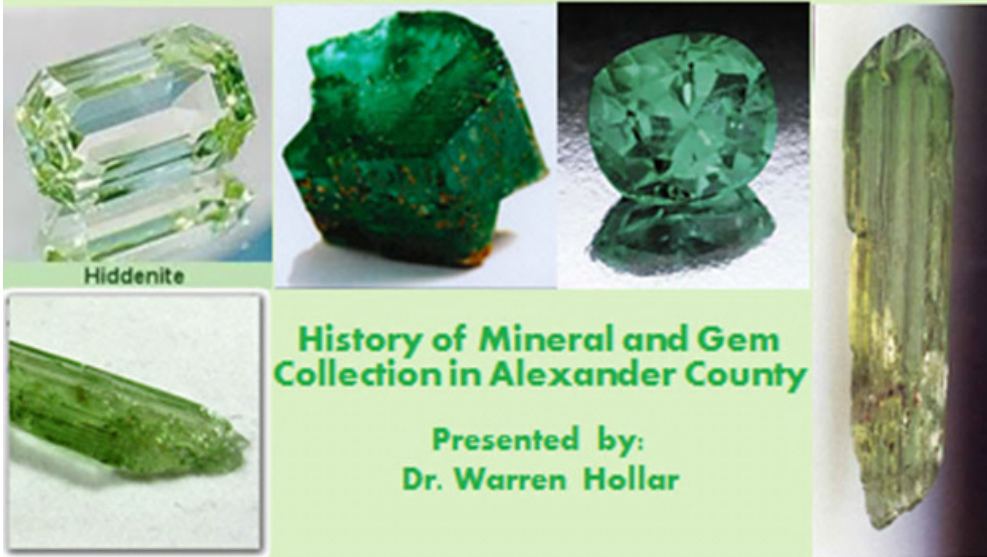
Our third field trip is the Labor Day weekend trip to Kentucky for geodes. We will be meeting in the parking lot of the Quality Inn at 9:00 am each day, August 30, 31, and September 1. Crack hammers and chisels are the norm here as well as food, water, and appropriate clothing. We will be wading in the creeks sometimes so bring appropriate footwear.

Harry

AUGUST PROGRAM
Rick Glover, Program Director

Club member
Robert (Red) Reitzel

Romancing the Stone(s): The Quest for Green Bolts



Club members
Glenn and Kathleen Bolick

In 1971 Glenn found a 934.90 carat emerald at the Hiddenite and Emerald Mine.



“Red”, a renowned rockhound, won multiple awards on his collection. He was credited once with the largest emerald find in North America, weighing in at 1,493 carats. It is currently on display at the Smithsonian. He also found a twin emerald at 900 carats, which is currently in The Houston Museum of Natural Science.

MINI MINERS MONTHLY

Mini Miner Monthly—July 2014

MINERAL STAMPS

There was a time that there were not many mineral stamps printed anywhere in the world. In the history of the United States Post Office, there have been only two sets of stamps depicting minerals, both of which are pictured here. However, it is now quite easy to find mineral stamps from all over the world. Google “mineral stamps” in the image category and you will see dozens of mineral stamps from all over the world. Most are very colorful, too.

The following are a few of the really colorful and interesting mineral stamps you can find. One of the nice things about stamp collecting is that you can find samples of these stamps at very reasonable prices. It does not have to be an expensive hobby.



(ABOVE)

Mineral stamps from the former **Soviet Union**.

Pictured from left to right, top to bottom are Rhodonite, Jasper, Amethyst, Topaz, Emerald, Malachite.



(LEFT)

Minerals stamps from the country once known as **East Germany**. (East Germany no longer exists.)

Left to right, top to bottom:

Gypsum, Zinnwaldite, Malachite, Amethyst, Halite, Proustite.

Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros (Islands)



South West Africa

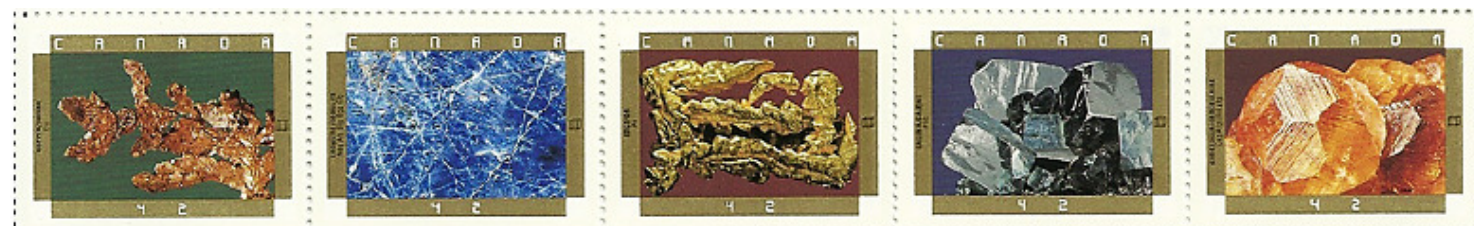


In 1965 the nation of **East Germany** issued a series of four stamps to celebrate the beginning of the Freiberg Bergakademie.

The images on the stamps were based on drawings from a very famous book called De Re Metallica.



Canada issued in 1992



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